(b) if so,whether it is a fact that the export of the goods manufactured through labour intensive technology has been decreasing; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the likely impact thereof on labour conditions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amendment in ID Act

2682. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of West Bengal under Act XXXIII of 1989 has made some amendments in the ID Act including Section 25(O) in its application to West Bengal ;

(b) whether CPSUs in West Bengal complied with the amendments of the ID Act while seeking permission for closure; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Lifting of Ceiling on Bonus

2683. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE :
SHRI KHAGEN DAS :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2352 and Starred Question 264 given in Rajya Sabha on 16th March, 2000 and 10th August, 2000 respectively and state :

(a) whether Trade Unions have been demanding time and again for amendment of Bonus Act for abolition of ceiling on eligibility and computation;

(b) whether Government are not taking any action on the same under the pressure from employees;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the inordinate delay in responding to the demand of the trade unions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The Government is seized of the demand of Trade Unions for amendment of Bonus Act, 1965 for raising the eligibility limit and calculation ceilings. The issue is under examination in the light of its wide ranging repercussions as the benefits of bonus will have to be extended to, besides the private sector, to the employees of PSUs (both Central and States), Central and State Governments and autonomous organizations resulting in huge financial burden to the Government exchequer.

International Labour Organisation Convention

2684. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are a party to the adoption of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention No. 182 calling for immediate action to outlaw the worst forms of child labour by the International Labour Conference on 17-6-1999; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to ratify the convention ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of India is a party to the adoption of the ILO Convention No. 182 concerning Worst Forms of Child Labour.

(b) Convention No. 182 was recently adopted in 1999. Government is committed to the objectives set out in this Convention. Consultations in the matter with the concerned Central Ministries/ Departments, State Governments and the other social partners have already been initiated.

Bima Yojana for Agricultural Workers

2685. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have announced a 'Bima Yojana' for agricultural labourers ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the details of the number of agricultural labourers enrolled so far in this scheme ;